

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 20 and 24-41 are pending in the present application. Claims 20 and 23-26 have been amended, claims 21 and 22 have been canceled, and claims 27-41 have been added by the present invention.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 20-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Kashiwagi et al.; and claim 26 was rejected as unpatentable over Kashiwagi et al. in view Okada et a.

Claims 20-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Kashiwagi et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended independent claim 20 includes a combination of features and is directed to a method for creating seamless presentation information of picture data in a recording medium. The method includes recording picture data on the recording medium by grouping the picture data into objects, determining if the recorded picture data is a still picture or a moving picture, and creating the seamless presentation information for each object only when the determining step determines the recorded picture data is the moving picture.

These features are supported at least by Figures 7 and 9 and the corresponding descriptions in the specification. For example, Figure 9 illustrates recording picture data on the recording medium by grouping the picture data into objects (S33), determining if the recorded picture data is a still picture or a moving picture (S37), and creating the seamless presentation information for each object only when the determining step determines the recorded picture data is the moving picture (S41). Figure 7B also illustrates the seamless presentation information (VOB_FIRST_SCR and VOB_LAST_SCR) for each

object being created only for a moving picture (note Figure 7A for a still picture does not include this seamless presentation data).

As discussed in the background of the invention, the conventional art records the seamless presentation regardless of whether or not the picture data is a moving or still picture, which unnecessarily increases the size of the navigation information file (see paragraph [0018]). The present invention advantageously solves this problem by determining if the recorded picture data is a still picture or a moving picture, and creating the seamless presentation information for each object only when the recorded picture data is the moving picture.

On the contrary, Kashiwaga et al. describes in column 20, lines 34-36 creating seamless information. However, Kashiwaga et al. does not distinguish between still pictures and moving pictures. That is, Kashiwaga et al. does not teach or suggest determining if the picture data is a moving picture or still picture, and then creating seamless presentation information only for a moving picture as in the present invention. Rather, Kashiwaga et al. is similar to the background art in which the seamless presentation information is created for both still and moving pictures.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent claim 20 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Further, it is respectfully submitted the rejection of claim 26 as unpatentable over Kashiwagi et al. in view Okada et al. has also been overcome as claim 26 is a dependent claim and Okada et al. also does not teach or suggest the features now recited in amended independent claim 20.

In addition, new claims 27-41 have been added to set for the invention in a varying scope, and Applicants respectfully submit the new claims are supported by the originally filed application. In particular, new claims 27-41 are similar to claims 20 and 24-26, but are recording

apparatus/reproducing apparatus/recording medium claims. It is respectfully submitted new claims 27-41 are allowable for similar reasons as claims 20 and 24-26.

CONCLUSION

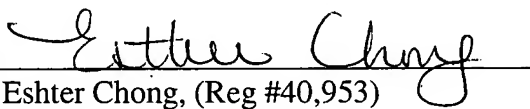
Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David Bilodeau (Reg. No. 42,325) at 703-25-8072, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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